

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 9, 13, 29, 30, and 34 as follows:

1. (Original) A motorcycle stand comprising:
 (a) a base having a support member;
 (b) at least one self-lubricating member which engages the support member;
 (c) a slidable member, which engages the self-lubricating member and cooperates with the support member in a telescopic manner;
 (d) a mechanism to elevate the slidable member, the mechanism cooperating with the base and being associated with the slidable member; and
 wherein, the motorcycle stand can be selectively positioned between a first position of rest and a second position of use.

2. (Original) The motorcycle stand of Claim 1, wherein the mechanism to elevate is further comprised of at least a lever.

3. (Original) The motorcycle stand of Claim 1, wherein the support member and the slidable member are substantially cylindrical.

4. (Original) The motorcycle stand of Claim 1, wherein the at least one self-lubricating member is further comprised of a sleeve.

5. (Original) The motorcycle stand of Claim 1, wherein the at least one self-lubricating member is further comprised of at least one strip.

6. (Original) The motorcycle stand of Claim 1, further comprising a seal member which is interconnected to the support member and slidable member.

7. (Original) The motorcycle stand of Claim 1, wherein the mechanism to elevate includes a clevis.

8. (Original) The motorcycle stand of Claim 7, wherein the clevis is removable.

9. (Currently Amended) A stand, adapted for use with a motorcycle, comprising:

- (a) a base;
- (b) a self-lubricating, non-oil support member in contact with the base;
- 5 (c) a support sleeve having at least a top surface and in slidable telescopic contact with the self-lubricating support member;
- (d) a lift platform associated with the top surface of the support sleeve;
- (e) an actuating lever in operable communication with the support sleeve;
- (f) at least one link member which is pivotally connected with the
- 10 actuating lever and the base; and

wherein, the lift platform can be selectively positioned between a first position of rest and a second position of use.

10. (Original) The stand of Claim 9, wherein in the first position of rest, the support sleeve and the lift platform are in non-extended positions, and in the second position of use, the actuating lever is depressed and the lift platform and the support sleeve are elevated in order to support a motorcycle.

11. (Original) The stand of Claim 9, wherein the actuating lever is connected with the support sleeve via a coupling.

12. (Original) The stand of Claim 9, wherein the self-lubricating support member and the support sleeve are substantially cylindrical.

13. (Currently Amended) A stand, adapted for use with a motorcycle, comprising:

- (a) a base having at least one leg;
- (b) a support member interconnected to the base;
- 5 (c) a support sleeve having at least a top surface and in slidable telescopic contact with the support member;
- (d) a lift platform associated with the top surface of the support sleeve;
- (e) an actuating lever ~~in operable communication~~ operably communicating with the support sleeve; to allow the lift platform to be adjusted to a plurality
- 10 of heights;

- (f) a removable clevis interconnected to the base;
- (g) at least one link member having a first end and a second end, the first end of the link member pivotally communicating to the actuating lever and the second end of the link member pivotally communicating to the removable clevis; and

15 wherein, the stand can be selectively positioned between a first position of rest and a second position of use.

14. (Original) The stand of Claim 13, wherein the support member is self-lubricating.

15. (Original) The stand of Claim 13, wherein the support sleeve is self-lubricating.

16. (Original) The stand of Claim 13, wherein the actuating lever communicates with the support sleeve via a coupling mechanism.

17. (Original) The stand of Claim 13, further comprising a self-lubricating member which cooperates with the support sleeve and the support member.

18. (Original) The stand of Claim 13, wherein the support member is removably interconnected to the base.

19. (Original) A stand, adapted for use with a motorcycle, comprising:

- (a) a base;
- (b) a support member interconnected to the base;
- (c) a self-lubricating sleeve, having an axially-positioned aperture, which

engages the support member;

(d) a support sleeve having at least a top surface and which is in slidable, telescopic contact with the self-lubricating sleeve;

(e) a lift platform associated with the top surface of the support sleeve;

(f) a lift mechanism to elevate the support sleeve interconnected to the

base; and

wherein, the stand can be selectively positioned between a first position of rest and a second position of use.

20. (Original) The stand of Claim 19, wherein the self-lubricating sleeve is removable.

21. (Original) The stand of Claim 19, wherein the lift mechanism is further comprised of an actuating lever interconnected to the base via a linkage assembly.

22. (Original) The stand of Claim 21, wherein the actuating lever is interconnected to the support sleeve via a coupling mechanism.

23. (Original) The stand of Claim 19, wherein the lift mechanism is interconnected to the base via a clevis.

24. (Original) The stand of Claim 23, wherein the clevis is removable.
25. (Original) The stand of Claim 19, wherein the support member, the self-lubricating sleeve, and the support sleeve are substantially cylindrical.
26. (Original) The stand of Claim 21, wherein the actuating lever is further comprised of a pedal.
27. (Original) The stand of Claim 19, wherein the lift platform is further comprised of a means for gripping a frame of the motorcycle.
28. (Original) The stand of Claim 19, wherein the base is comprised of at least one leg.
29. (Currently Amended) A motorcycle stand comprising:
- (a) a base having at least one leg;
 - (b) a self-lubricating, non-oil support member interconnected to the base;
 - (c) a support sleeve having at least a top surface in slidable telescopic contact with the self-lubricating support member;
 - (d) a lift platform associated with the top surface of the support sleeve;
 - (e) an actuating lever in operable communication with the support sleeve via a coupling mechanism;
 - (f) a removable clevis interconnected to the at least one leg of the base;
 - (g) at least one link member having a first end and a second end, the first end of the at least one link member being pivotally interconnected to the actuating lever, the second end of the at least one link member being pivotally interconnected to the removable clevis; and

wherein, the motorcycle stand can be selectively positioned between a first position of rest and a second position of use.

30. (Currently Amended) A stand, adapted for use with a motorcycle, comprising:

- (a) a base;
- (b) a support member interconnected to the base;
- (c) a support sleeve having at least a top surface and in slidable telescopic cooperation with the support member;
- (d) a lift platform associated with the top surface of the support sleeve;
- (e) a coupling mechanism ~~slidably~~ that can be selectively interconnected ~~to along the support sleeve[[:]]~~ to allow the support sleeve and the lift platform to be adjusted to a plurality of heights;
- (f) an actuating lever interconnected to the coupling mechanism;
- (g) a clevis interconnected to the base;
- (h) at least one link member pivotally interconnected to the clevis and the actuating lever; and

wherein, the stand can be selectively positioned between a first position of rest and a second position of use.

31. (Original) The stand of Claim 30, wherein the support member is self-lubricating.

32. (Original) The stand of Claim 30, wherein the support sleeve is self-lubricating.

33. (Original) The stand of Claim 30, wherein the support sleeve cooperates with the support member via a self-lubricating member.

34. (Currently Amended) A stand comprising:

- (a) a base;
- (b) a support member interconnected to the base;
- (c) a self-lubricating, non-oil support sleeve having a top surface and in
5 slidable telescopic contact with the support member;
- (d) a lift platform associated with the top surface of the self-lubricating support sleeve;
- (e) an actuating lever in operable communication with the self-lubricating support sleeve;
- (f) a clevis interconnected to the base;
- (g) at least one link member pivotally interconnected to the clevis and the
10 actuating lever; and

wherein, the stand can be selectively positioned between a first position of rest and a second position of use.

35. (Original) The stand of Claim 34, wherein the support member is self-lubricating.

36. (Original) The stand of Claim 34, wherein the clevis is removable.

~~37. (Original) The stand of Claim 34, wherein the actuating lever communicates with the self-lubricating support sleeve via a coupling mechanism.~~

38. (Original) A stand comprising:

- (a) a base;
- (b) a support member interconnected to the base;
- (c) a support sleeve having at least a top surface;

- 5 (d) a self-lubricating member which engages the support member and the support sleeve so that the support sleeve cooperates with the support member in a telescopic manner;
- (e) an actuating lever in operable communication with the support sleeve;
- (f) a clevis interconnected to the base;
- 10 (g) at least one link member pivotally interconnected to the clevis and the actuating lever; and
- wherein, the stand can be selectively positioned between a first position of rest and a second position of use.

39. (Original) The stand of Claim 38, wherein the clevis is removable.

40. (Original) The stand of Claim 38, wherein the actuating lever communicates with the support sleeve via a coupling mechanism.

41. (Original) The stand of Claim 38, wherein the base has at least one leg.